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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - January 1952

DATE: 7 February 1952

1. The history of FDD, for incorporation in the history of CIA, was completed and forwarded to OO.

2. Mr. Allan Evans, Director of the Office of Intelligence Research, OIR, and Mr. Melvin Ruggles, Coordinator of Psychological Information, OIR, State Department, visited the Division for survey and briefing on its operations.

Two groups of new personnel of ORR toured the Division.

3. Operational liaison was active as follows:

a. Representatives of covert operations concerning new exploitation requirements and clarifying of other requests.

b. Southeast Asia area of OIR/State for clarifying of requirements.

c. Communications Branch, Services Division, RR, preparatory to a formal requirement on "The Capability of the USSR to Control Satellite Communications".

d. Technical Services Staff, DD(P), leading to a requirement on personal documentation.

4. Evaluations and commendations on FDD products were received:

a. OIR/State units commended "increasing volume, the collation of material, good selection, and emphasis on trends rather than on minor details".

b. Navy noted the accuracy [redacted]

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c. Telephoned approval of various reports were received from State and ORR.

5. Noteworthy publications disseminated during the month:

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a. [redacted] "Survey of Fifteen Non-Russian Language Newspapers"

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b. [] "Review of Efforts and Measures of Progress of the Chinese Communist Government to Relieve China's Cotton Shortage"

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c. [] "Survey of Far East Press Reaction to Friendship Letters Exchanged by Truman and Shvernik, July/August 1951"

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d. [] -- "Reviews of Budapest Newspapers"

e. Summary No 50 -- "Glossary of Soviet Abbreviations and Short Titles"

f. Summary No 51 -- "The Hydrometeorological Service of the USSR"

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6. Arrangements were made for FDD to receive copies of reports and lists of documents and requirements of the [] 25X1A

7. For the first time, OSO approved FDD production and dissemination of that part of a project which SO is not using.

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FDD personnel assisted Graphics Register, OCD, in identifying Chinese Communist movie films.

Information on the number of European⁵ in the Southeast Asian countries was furnished the Military Air Transport Service, no census figures being available.

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9. Procurement through special sources continued fruitful. Current issues of five Tudeh Party publications from Iran were received through SO. Screening in the State Department Intelligence Library netted several valuable Burmese documents. Fifty-six recent issues of five titles of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos newspapers were received through []

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10. Arrangements have been made with G-2 Document Library and the Federal Record Center for loan of Korean captured documents. Three shipments were examined during the month.

11. The new PPO to South Asia (India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Burma) was briefed on FDD's specific requirements and given a procurement guide list.

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12. On request FDD is preparing a list of Near East and Arab North African publications, replete with all details of publication.

13. The Document Exploitation File prevented 60 cases of duplication. Sixty-six inquiries were received from 17 offices relative to 90 different items. A total of 46 reports was turned up from DEX runs on five different subjects.

14. Attached are details as follows:

Appendix A -- Statistical Report on FDD Operations
Appendix B -- Details on Personnel Actions

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